PENDING PROPOSALS OF MAHARASHTRA AND GUJARAT

2529. SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHINANDAN JAIN : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether proposals from the Government of Maharashtra and Gujarat for making adequate investments in these states by Unit Trust of India, Life Insurance Corporation and Investments out of funds, raised through Indira Vikas Patras, Kisan Vikas Patras, are pending with the Central Government during the year 1993-94 ; and

(b) if so, the detailts thereof and by when a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED) : (a) and (b) No specific proposal regarding investment out of funds raised through Indira Vikas Patras and Kisan Vikas Patras is pending. However, three-fourth of net collections in small savings schemes, including Indira Vikas Patra in a state is sanction as long-term loans to that State.

In so far as Unit Trust of India and Life Insurance Corporation are concerned, information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House

EVASION OF EXCISE DUTY OF CEMENT INDUSTRIES IN MADHYA PRADESH

2530. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Directorate General (Anti-Evasion) of Central Excise, New Delhi has unearthed evasion of Excise Duty of several crores of rupees by cement industries in Madhya Pradesh during the last three years ; and

(b) if so, the details of such evasion detected during the period from 1st April, 1992, to 31st October, 1993, unit-wise and collectorate-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY) : (a) Based on the 'advice and intelligence' provided by Directorate General of Anti-Evasion, New Delhi, the Special Audit of selected units of Cement Industries were organised by jurisdictional Central Excise Collectorates which resulted in detection of evasion of duty by cement industries.

(b) The details of the cases detected during the period from 1st April, 1992 to 31st October, 1993 unit-wise and Collectorate-wise is given in the Statement.

STATEMENT

Ca ses of evasion of Central Excise duty detected against the Cement Manufacturing Units in Madhya Pradesh during the period from 1-4-92 *to* 31-10-1993

S. No.	Name of the party	Collectorate	Estimated evasion detected Rs. in lakhs	Commodity	Modus Operandi
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	Diamond Cement Narsingarh M.P.	Indore	103.03 435.38	Pollution control Machines Clinker/ Cement	Installed the Machine without payment of duty Clandestine Removal